



BACKFILL

Using either load bearing structural soil if extending beneath paving or top soil if in the tree pit and 'soft areas'. Top soil should be specified 'as dug'.

Never use 'screened top soil' which are simply the end product from waste materials that have been screened. They often appear suitable but suffer from 'slumping' and subsequently anaerobic conditions develop. Avoid using large amounts of bulky organics in the backfill which can compete for available oxygen as they degrade.

For lighter soils needing nutrition use commercial horticultural composts which will contain a balanced fertiliser. Mycorrhizal additives with fertiliser are also useful.



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